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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identfied application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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REPLY

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April 29, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 29, 2005, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention defined by the Examiner as Species VIII, Fig. 16, including Claims 27-30. This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitped,

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